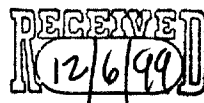




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Robert Moore, Ph.D.
Office of Special Nutritionals (HFS-450)
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
200 "C" Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20204

Dear Dr. Moore:

Pursuant to 21CFR Subpart F, section 101.93, Chattem, Incorporated (the distributor, which is located at 1715 West 38th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37409) wishes to notify the Food and Drug Administration that within 30 days of this notification Chattem, Inc. will commence marketing two dietary supplements which bear statements of nutritional support in their labeling.

The statements are made for the two preparations of Dexatrim Natural™: Green Tea Formula and No Caffeine Formula. These statements are

- helps curb your appetite
- helps your body burn fat and calories

These statements and the required disclaimer are prominently displayed in a box in bold-faced type. The information contained in this notice is complete and accurate. Chattem, Inc. maintains on file substantiation that these statements are truthful and non-misleading. An original and two copies of this notification are being submitted.

Sincerely,

Michael Law, Ph.D.
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

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